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essentially as a monopoly created and enforced by state law. In the Home Telephone Company that's 19.8 percent profit per year; the Hooper Telephone Company is 22 percent profit per year; Eustis Telephone Company, 17.4 percent profit per year; the Consolidated Tele Co., 18 percent; Arlington, 26 percent; Hartington, 25.9 percent; Cozad, 30 percent. We're going to take urban money, we're going to send it out to these poor, impoverished, rural telephone monopolies that are making 30 percent from their ratepayers and the people who do their access, and no wonder Senator Jones stands up and says this bill is good for rural Nebraska. It certainly is. It is unconscionably good for rural Nebraska. That's piling on. That ain't fair. And if that's what my rural colleagues are after it's the kind of hunger that one might even say has greed that would be remembered that says I'm making 30 percent a year in my monopoly, but I want some money from Lincoln and Omaha to help me out. That is not hands across the water. That is not good faith between the rural and urban elements of this state. That's gouging and this bill gouges. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute. Thank you, Senator Landis. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Chambers, on advancement of LB 827.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Landis made some very appropriate comments. I cannot say that every word he spoke is absolutely accurate because I didn't hear every word, but all the words that I heard were absolutely accurate. He was talking about gouging that is occurring through this bill. We know that greed often rules the floor of the Legislature, and the ones who reap the benefits of greed are the people who wear the suits, not the ordinary citizens. A bill like this wouldn't be before us to benefit ordinary citizens. Very little in this Legislature is done for that purpose. However, I must chide my good friend, Senator Landis, because I expect, and I could be wrong, that when UP comes trundling through here and want to plunder the public treasury by saying, give me some money so I'll come to Omaha; Antelope Park, give me some money; the Riverfront in Omaha, give me some money, as is always stated, it depends on whose ox is being gored. Well, I usually take a different point of view